

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times."

The Brazilian Parliament met on the 22d of May. The Emperor in his address recommended the promotion of colonization schemes, public instruction, and a revision of the military and penal laws. Over a thousand emigrants had recently arrived, half of whom were from the U. S. The cholera had broken out among the Paraguayans, who were throwing the bodies of those died of the disease into the river. This had caused a re-appearance of the epidemic in several towns in the vicinity. The disease had disappeared from the camp of the allies.

Mr. R. C. Schenck, Chairman of the Radical Congressional Committee, has issued a circular letter to the members of Congress, urging them to be present in Washington on the 3d of July, so as to secure a quorum in both Houses, with the view of taking the measures rendered necessary by the Attorney General's interpretation of the Reconstruction act, and the action of the Administration thereon.

General Scott, the Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, in South Carolina, has issued an order enjoining upon subordinate officers and agents the importance of their duty in keeping the freedmen fully informed as to their rights and privileges under the recent acts of Congress. There is no sideboard for white men, to keep them fully informed as to their "rights and privileges."

The Buffalo Commercial is responsible for the following: A certain railroad employee at the North, who was rather inclined to expensive amusements, recently astonished his friends by sporting a gay horse and establishment. One of his friends, in criticizing the animal's antecedents, said: "He was got by Conductor out of New York and Erie."

Gen. Rosseau, lately appointed a brigadier general in place of General Rosserans, resigned, who is the military commander of Oregon and Washington Territory, is about to have the newly acquired Russian American territory attached to his military jurisdiction. General Rosseau is at present travelling with the presidential party en route to Boston.

Omaha dispatches say that a battle was fought on the 12th instant, at O'Fallon's Station, between sixty whites belonging to Wilson & Cloggin's train en route for Fort Phil Kearney, and from one hundred to one hundred and fifty Indians. Nine Indians are supposed to have been killed, and the whites sustained no loss.

It is understood that the Secretary of State accompanied his recent letter to Juarez with copies of dispatches from the Queen of Great Britain and the Emperor of the French to the President, soliciting the good offices of the United States in behalf of Maximilian, at least to the extent of saving his life.

The President has requested Gen. Sheridan, by telegraph, to extend the time for registration in Louisiana, to the first of August.—General Sheridan proposed to close it on the 10th of July. About 69,000 black and white voters had been registered in the State at the last advice.

Charles Woodman, sexton of Rev Dr. Garrett's Church, in Boston, was arrested yesterday for enticing young girls into church and subjecting them to licentious treatment. He was held in \$10,000 for trial. Surely the Devil must be let loose.

Seven employees of the State Capitol at Harrisburg, were arrested yesterday, on the charge of stealing books and papers belonging to the State. A large amount of the stolen property was recovered at a junk shop, where they had been sold.

M. Romero, the Mexican Minister, is of the opinion that the news brought by the steamer Virginia, relative to Santa Ana is reliable. He says it was the intention of the Liberals to hang Santa Ana, in case they found him upon Mexican soil.

Friends of General Sickles have telegraphed him to reconsider his purpose of resigning, assuring him that he will be sustained by Congress. Similar telegrams have been sent to General Sheridan by his friends.

President Johnson, by proclamation, officially announces the ratification by both the contracting parties of the treaty which adds to this country, the Territory of Alaska, late Russian America.

The coroner's jury in the case of Roe, killed in a recent duel at Charleston, S. C., have rendered a verdict of felonious homicide against the surviving principal and the seconds concerned therein.

In response to the invitation of the Maryland Convention, President Johnson has promised to visit Annapolis on the 25th instant, if the public business will permit.

The issuance of the orders to the various military commanders at the South, will be delayed until after the President's return from his New England trip.

The President has appointed Marcus Ottobry, now Consul in the City of Mexico, Minister Resident there, in place of L. D. Campbell, resigned.

Brazilian steamship Catharine Whitney, left New Orleans yesterday, with two hundred and fifty emigrants for Brazil.

VIEW OF A CONFEDERATE.—Raphael Semmes, ex-Confederate admiral, presented a set of Union colors to the steamer Commercial, at Memphis, last week, and made a speech, winding up as follows:

"We were beaten in the war, and the flag of the conqueror became our flag. Take, then, these colors, captain; they are the colors of our common country, whatever may be their present signification. We can all feel an honest pride in their more ancient history, as I trust we shall be enabled to do in their future history. With regard to what I may call their special history—that is, the history which covers the four years of our internecine war—it is our duty, both as Christians and brethren, to forget it. That war has left many and ghastly wounds. Let us, of the South, do our part by closing them with a tender and gentle hand, so that no scars may remain to remind us of the conflict. And let us endeavor also to convert this new flag into the old flag again, that we may love it as of yore."

REGISTRATION IN CLARKE CO.—Registration in Clarke county commences in the first district, at White Post, July 3, in the second district at Russell's on July 8, in the third at Castleman's Ferry, on June 24, and in the fourth district at Berry's Ferry, on the 28th of June.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

A fiendish attempt at murder was made several days ago by two negroes upon a hotel keeper named Whitehurst, residing at Princess Anne Court-House, whose object was plunder and robbery. They attacked him on the road leading to Norfolk, apparently aware that he had in his possession quite a large amount of money, with which he intended to purchase supplies in the city. They knocked him out of the carriage with a club of wood, and after severely beating him, were frightened off before they secured the object of their assault.

The registration in two wards of Petersburg closed last evening. The list stands as follows: Whites, 651; colored, 1,638. In the remaining two wards, in which registration will be held hereafter, the whites are believed to be in the majority. At Dinwiddie Court-House the whites registered to the number of 115, and the colored people 215.

The preliminary examination of James T. Phillips charged with the murder of his wife Emma Phillips, in Henrico county, some months ago, is now going on, and attracts much attention in Richmond, and its vicinity. This is what is popularly called, "The Drinker Woods Tragedy."

Harvest, in many localities, in the Valley, will commence next week. In Augusta county the crop is very heavy. There is some rust and fly, or worm, in the wheat in Rockingham, but not enough to do much damage.

The Circuit Court for Culpeper county closed its term on Saturday last. Judge Harris presided, and made a most favorable impression.

Rev. T. M. Carson, of Winchester, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Episcopal Church at Orange Court-house.

TRIAL OF SURRAT.—In the Surra trial yesterday the examination of witnesses for the prosecution was continued. Brooke Stabler, who was examined yesterday, was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination. His evidence was adduced to prove an intimacy between Booth and Atzerodt, and thus to connect him with the assassination conspirators. James N. Pumphrey, a lively stable keeper, was examined to the same end. Miss Honora Fitzpatrick, who boarded with Mrs. Surra, prior to and at the date of the assassination, testified to the fact that she saw Booth and Atzerodt in the habit of visiting at the house. Miss Fitzpatrick will be one of the witnesses for the defense.

The most important witness, however, was Benj. W. Vanderpool, a lawyer of New York, who testifies to an intimate acquaintance with Booth, and swears that he saw Booth and Surra together in a concert saloon on the evening of the 14th of April. He never saw Surra before that time, and has never seen him since that time, but he is very positive in his assertions that he recognizes him. Vanderpool admitted, on cross-examination, that he was not summoned in the case, but he came here as a volunteer witness.

The court adjourned at 2:30, half an hour earlier than the day before. The prosecution announced that much time would be occupied in the examination of the witness they proposed to call next, but declined to say who the witness was. It is probable, however, that it is either Weichman or St. Marie.

Trotting Match.—The great match for \$2,000 between Dexter, in harness, and Ethan Allen, with running mate, mile heats, best three in five, on the Fashion Course, occurred today. Upwards of 20,000 persons were present. Dexter was the favorite at \$100 to \$50. In consequence of Ethan Allen's running mate, Charlotte F. having gone lame, all bets on the match were declared off, as a substitute of another running mate made the original match off. Ethan Allen won in three straight heats in 2:15, 2:16, 2:19, this being the fastest time on record. Dexter's time in the second heat, as timed by the judges, was 2:16.

TRAGIC DEATH OF AN AUSTRIAN ARCHDUCHESS.—The Archduchess Matilda, the intended mother of the future Kings of Italy, a lady destined to wear a diadem which has not rested on a female brow for centuries, a scion of that branch of the House of Hapsburg-Lorraine, in which public and private world is most conspicuously hereditary, the daughter of the conqueror of Castanza, and granddaughter of the hero of Aspern and Essling, a princess in her nineteenth year, with all accounts endowed with rare gifts of person, mind and heart, died on the morning of June 6th. She inadvertently tread on a lucifer match, which was lying at her feet, as she stepped out of her room, and before any one could run to her rescue she sank to the ground in an agony of pain from which only death released her.

The lady was the affianced bride of Prince Humbert, the heir of the throne of Italy.—Prince Humbert was enjoying the festivities of Paris when the news of the accident to the Archduchess reached him, and he immediately left, it is supposed, for Vienna.

NEW WHEAT.—The first new wheat received in this market was offered at the Corn Exchange yesterday morning by Messrs. Seavers & Anderson. The lot comprised sixty bushels of red wheat, raised by Major James Pagan, of Chester, South Carolina. The quality was good. As usual, this first instalment of the coming crop was the object of much attention, and the offerings for it were quite spirited.—The lot was purchased by Messrs. N. A. Cassaway & Co., manufacturers of the Ashland brand of flour, for \$2.30 per bushel. Considering the present decline in the price of old wheats, this may be regarded as a very liberal price. So far as we are informed, all accounts received from the South, in reference to the wheat crop, give assurance of a most abundant yield. The crop in Georgia, it is said, is very heavy, and some estimate that nearly a million bushels of good wheat may be expected from that State alone.—Baltimore American.

BLACKBERRY WINE.—There is no wine equal to the blackberry wine when properly made, either in flavor or for medicinal purposes, and all persons who can conveniently do so, should manufacture enough for their own use every year, as it is invaluable in sickness as a tonic, and nothing is a better remedy for bowel diseases. We therefore give the receipt for making it, having tried it ourselves, we speak advisedly on the subject.

Measure your berries and bruise them; to every gallon adding one quart of boiling water. Let the mixture stand twenty-four hours; stirring occasionally; then strain off the liquor into a cask, to every gallon adding two pounds of sugar; cork tight, and let it stand till the following October, and you will have wine ready for use, without further straining or docting, that will make the lips smack as they never smacked under similar influence before. Lynchburg News.

GOLD.—New York, June 22.—Gold to-day, 138.

THE PROPER COURSE.—The Richmond Enquirer takes the correct view of the duty of the Southern people in these times. It is the one we have, all along, approved: "The advice 'to submit to what is exacted, and obey what is commanded, but to leave the responsibility where it belongs; to do no voluntary wrong; to be quiet, undemonstrative, and prudent; to keep the mind and the soul free, but exhibiting nothing in word or conduct that can have occasion of clamor against us; and to invite outrages by the alacrity with which we submit to them, and the zeal with which we seek out further abasements as true men. Let us vote, (when the time comes for voting) for good and honest and trustworthy men, because they are such, for the various offices. Let us surely vote for no man for no better reason than that his sympathies are all against us,—as some advise us to do!'"

THE VELOCIPED ON COMMON ROADS.—An English inventor has contrived an improved velocipede, which he calls the "Rantone," and recommends for use on common roads. He prints, among others, a certificate from a Lieutenant Badford, of the Royal Engineers, serving in India, who writes: "I have great pleasure in testifying to the excellence of this invention. I received one from England about a year ago, and have constantly travelled in it since then, sometimes over very bad roads, and constantly up steep hills, where an ordinary velocipede could not be moved a foot. On a good road I can go twenty miles without the slightest fatigue. The Rantone is not only valuable as a means of locomotion, but as a gymnasium it is perfect, giving equal work to all the muscles of the body. For this reason it is especially useful in India, where exercise is the exception when it ought to be the rule. The Rantone as a locomotive gives one an interest in its exercise, and its possessor soon forgets what liver complaint and bile mean. The steering apparatus is perfect."

A COINCIDENCE.—The comic and the tragic are strangely blended in life. Connected with the mournful tragedy of yesterday is an amusing coincidence that deserves chronicling. In the city post office are two clerks of the names of Johnson and Stuart. Both live in the vicinity of Sixth street. Both are married and have happy homes. They are neighbors and friends. When the story of the sad tragedy first circulated everybody in that vicinity was horrified, for everybody thought they were the parties, and the exclamations of astonishment and indignation and horror which filled the air are indescribable. Even the wives of these gentlemen heard the tragic story, and were for a while perturbed. One of them came wondering and in trepidation to the scene of the calamity to find, to her inexpressible relief, that the fearful truth had naught to do with her; and when the parties came together peals of laughter mingled with hearty acknowledgments of gratitude that no evil had befallen them and theirs.—Washington Express.

A NOTORIOUS CHARACTER.—Mr. W. A. Stephens of the county, has just returned from Winchester, where he had been in pursuit of a white man named Charles Watson, who stole a horse in March last, from two freedmen of this county. Mr. S. found the horse, but was unable to capture the thief, who had been living in Frederick county, Va., since the theft.

Watson was married in this county in September, 1865, and has a wife now living here, but he engaged himself to a young lady in Frederick county, and was to have been married on Tuesday evening last, but Mr. S.'s fortune arrived prevented the sacrifice of an estimable young lady of only 17 years of age.

Watson represented himself as a Mississippi planter, from Holly Springs. He also said he was authorized to receive donations for the Ladies Memorial Association of Spotsylvania Court House, and it is believed collected funds in their behalf.—Fredericksburg Herald.

Hudson's Bay Company Commission.—The joint commission appointed by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States to ascertain the value of the possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, under the Oregon treaties, will close the testimony in the matter the present month. The commissioners are to make their award by or before the 1st of January next. If they agree, their decision will be final; if not, they are to refer the case to an umpire. The British commissioners have presented claims to the amount of three millions of dollars, gold, of course. On the other side, the value of the rights is computed at less than a million.—Not. Lat.

TO SAVE ICE FROM MELTING.—A German chemist publishes the following simple method of preserving small quantities of ice, which he has practiced with success. Put the ice into a deep dish, cover it with a plate, and place the dish on a pillow stuffed with feathers, and cover the top with another pillow carefully, by this means excluding the external air. Feathers are well-known non-conductors of heat, and in consequence the ice is preserved from melting. Dr. Schwab states that he has thus preserved six pounds of ice for eight days. The plan is simple, and within the reach of every household.

HARVEST IN MARYLAND.—The wheat harvest will begin in some sections of Maryland next week. The Denton Union of Thursday, however, says: "Some of our farmers have commenced cutting their wheat crops. The Boden wheat, an early variety, is now ripe, has a good stand on the ground, the head well filled, and gives a heavy yield. We have seen some of the heaviest fields of this variety in our county, we believe, that was ever grown upon the land. Our general wheat harvest will come off next week, and it will be a good one, such as we hope will satisfy the most sanguine anticipations of our farmers."

REGISTER.—A plan has been developed in this city for disfranchising the great body of the people of Virginia. General Schofield's order defined the provisions of the law relative to who are entitled to register. The attempt at wholesale disfranchisement and throwing the government of Virginia entirely into the hands of the negroes should fill the land with indignation, and so arouse the people that not one entitled under Gen. Schofield's order to register will fail to do so. We appeal to all, in the name of the State and by all that they hold dear on earth, to register!—Rich. Dis.

MILITARY COMMISSION TRIALS.—The first of the Military Commission trials in this section was held this week by Lieut. Sayres, of the P. B. We believe there are five cases against our young friends, the Messrs. Henry, of Stafford. Four of the cases were taken by Lieut. S., was, we suppose, sent on to Gen. Schofield, who will have to be brought before him, if all such cases are to be brought before him for final arbitration.—Fredericksburg Her.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—The Albany Journal says, a "Friend," who has frequently sat in the jury box, is an ardent advocate of woman suffrage. Women at the ballot box will be followed by women in the jury box. How delightful it will then be to serve one's country. The class of professional jurymen will increase wonderfully, and there will be no objection to staying out on a knotty and interesting case, either.

## How a Young Man Goes to Bed.

(From the Indianapolis Herald.)

A few days since we published an extract from a story in the "Land we Love," written by Miss Fannie Downings. It was entitled, "How a young lady goes to bed," and although not an entire stranger to a lady's boudoir, we cannot assure the less enlightened of our sex of the fidelity or truthfulness of Miss Fanny's sketch. Doubtless it afforded great gratification to the majority of male readers; it did to us, we know, and as a slight return we intend to disclose to her sex the manner in which a young man goes to bed, and shall cite as an example one of our own acquaintances. For convenience we adopt the same style in which the others was written, and use the past tense.

Dismissing his fuddled companion of the evening at the street door, Master George performed the task of ascending the two flights of stairs leading to his own room, and noiselessly as the weakness of his knees would admit, and without other assistance than that of his own unsteady fingers grasping along the wall. Upon reaching the back of the nearest room, the vest was handled more carefully, as the pocket contained his watch, but the pantaloon came off with a jerk.

After filling and lighting his pipe he proceeded with the preliminaries. Some recent purchases were taken from a coat pocket and placed upon the mantle and the balance tossed away in a trunk to be used as circumstances might require. With much tugging, growling, and swearing the boots were removed, and the last one being unusually troublesome received an impetus from the foot that sent it flying to the furthest corner. Removing then a pair of socks (that should have been in the washwoman's tub) an earnest and protracted inspection of the feet ensued, the young man indulging in speculations as to whether or not those blasted corns would prevent his appearing in "them new boots" at that "little gathering" to-morrow night. The delicate paper collar (size immaterial) was hastily torn off, and being soiled on both sides from turning, was discarded and tossed toward the fire place and the neck of the shirt.

The usual slow progress of removing the shirt was ignored on this occasion; several impatient jerks, and then with a sudden stretch upward with the bony arms, off went buttons, rip went muslin, and the angular shoulders of the wearer "rose in unrestricted freedom." The "snowy" night shirt was then drawn over the head and its delicate cotton tape binding and graceful folds of brown Canton flannel left to accommodate themselves to circumstances.

"A puff of fragrant breath" redolent of bad gin and lemon from a pair of tobacco stained lips, and out went the light, and down went the pipe on the table. Not being so fortunate as to have any "Mandy" for a roommate, and the household domestic being aged and discrete, he did not leave the door unbolts, but with a growl at the bacchelic solitude of his couch, jerked down the "kiver," plumped himself, pressed his innocent head on the pillow, and after several moments of twitching, turning and grumbling, settled on his back and a fierce attack of snoring ensued, which closes the scene.

Imagine such a domestic existence as this linked to the ethereal daintiness of "Miss Preston." Enjoy your little maidenly privileges and arrangements while you can, "Miss Charlie," for we fear that a variety of circumstances in wedded life would ruthlessly interfere with the systematic course ascribed to you in preparing for a night's rest.

A RAT STORY.—One day last week an incident occurred in our city which we deem worthy of mention, and were it not that we are so well acquainted with those who witnessed the occurrence and know them to be persons of undoubted veracity, we should declare the story to be somewhat Munchausenian. Mr. J. M. Stockton, our postmaster, is raising a lot of game chickens. He has two broods of young ones, one hen being charged with the care and responsibility of eleven, and another of twelve of the little chicks. Some days ago the boys were running about the yard a medium sized Norway rat made a raid on the young flock, when the two hens attacked his rashness in a manner which would have done credit to a Scotch terrier. Mr. S. informs us that the hens would make alternate attacks on the rat, and that they would actually lift it from the ground with their beaks, and letting it fall again would apply their spurs most vigorously. His rashness also showed light, and for sometime labored for the mastery of the situation.—But the indomitable pluck of the hens was too much for him, and he was slain in the combat. This is the first case of the kind we ever heard of, and as the truth of the statement is vouched for by Mr. Stockton and several ladies who witnessed the occurrence, we give it to our readers as a genuine rat story.—Monticello Republican.

THE DESTRUCTIVE DESPERATE.—The arrest of two prominent citizens of Richmond yesterday on the charge of perjury, is a bold political stratagem on the part of the Destructives. They have attempted to frighten our people by these arrests, and prevent them, if possible, from registering. They have no idea that they can convict any one upon the charge. Let no man be deceived. We appeal to our citizens to pay no regard to this *blatant* fraud. We beg leave to submit to General Schofield whether this is not an attempt to obstruct the reconstruction of his district, which is well worthy his serious consideration. It can mean nothing else, and in addition thereto, these gentlemen, as arrested, were acting under the authority, and by virtue of his own General Order.—Petersburg Index.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, JUNE 22, 1867.

The market closes with considerable activity, but prices continue to drop. We hear of no transaction in Flour worthy of note. Wheat is in limited receipt, with sales of very inferior red at 120. Corn is active, but offerings light, reaching only about 1200 bushels, all of which was sold at 92, 93, and 94, for white and mixed. Sales of Rye at 120. Oats active, with sales at 72.

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Schr. Wm. Collyer, Taylor, for this port, sailed from Providence, on the 19th inst.

Schr. S. T. Baker, hence at Charleston, on the 20th instant.

I, HENRY CALLAN, do hereby acknowledge that a charge made by me against Miss Annie Dempsey, for stealing a silver teaspoon and lady's purse, is incorrect. It was made while excited, and upon examination, as stated by the report and purse were not lost, and she is exonerated from all charges, and entirely innocent.

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